

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Severino opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Sunshine Law Announcement – “I would like to announce and have placed in the Minutes that adequate notice of this special meeting of the Union Township Committee has been provided in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” by electronic mail to the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; and by posting such notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and by filing a copy of the notice with the Township Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE**APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY ACTING DEPUTY CLERK**

Mr. Bischoff made a motion to appoint Grace Brennan as Temporary Acting Deputy Clerk. Mr. Haynes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

ROLL CALL - Present: Rob Haynes, Matt Severino, William Bischoff, Frank Mazza, Patricia Dziubek.

Absent:

Others Present: Auditors, Robert Swisher and Paul Freda, Grace Brennan, CFO

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

a. Discussion of 2010 Municipal Budget

- Discussed were further cuts to the 2010 budget appropriations.
- Grace Brennan prepared another revision to the budget reflecting cuts to the municipal State Aid.
- The Committee considered cuts to various line items such as salaries and benefits, financial assistance to Township’s emergency response groups, capital improvements account. Debt service and differed school taxes were also discussed.

At 7:14 PM, Robert Swisher and Paul Freda left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2010-64**Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act*, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the *Open Public Meetings Act*, N.J.S.A. 10-4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Union to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

7. _____ *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or*

may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, assembled in Executive session on March 24, 2010, at 7:15 p.m. in the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Mr. Bischoff made a motion to adopt the above resolution. Mr. Mazza seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek . Motion Carried.

At about 8:15 PM, Mr. Haynes made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Mrs. Dziubek seconded the motion. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

Mr. Haynes left the meeting at 8:16 PM

The Committee agreed to meet on March 24, 2010, to continue discussion on the 2010 municipal budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Dziubek, seconded by Mr. Mazza. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Malecki Ruta, RMC
Municipal Clerk